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For: PROJECTION OPTICAL SYSTEM, EXPOSURE APPARATUS
INCORPORATING THIS PROJECTION OPTICAL SYSTEM, AND
MANUFACTURING METHOD FOR MICRO DEVICES USING THE
EXPOSURE APPARATUS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), applicant brings to the Examiner's attention the documents listed on attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are attached. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the documents listed on attached Form PTO-1449 and indicate that they were considered by making an appropriate notation on this form.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with the above-referenced application.

The following are listed on the accompanying PTO-1449 and are in a non-English language:

1. Japanese Patent Application, First Publication No. 04-214516.
2. Japanese Patent Application, First Publication No. 05-150107.
3. Japanese Patent Application, First Publication No. 05-297209.

4. Japanese Patent Application, First Publication No. 06-331941.
5. Japanese Patent Application, First Publication No. 07-128590.
6. Japanese Patent Application, First Publication No. 08-17719.
7. Japanese Patent Application, First Publication No. 11-194479.
8. Japanese Patent Application, First Publication No. 11-307443.
9. Japanese Patent Application, First Publication No. 2000-12453.
10. Japanese Patent Application, First Publication No. 2000-29202.
11. International Patent Application, Publication No. WO99/34255.
12. International Patent Application, Publication No. WO99/50712.
13. International Patent Application, Publication No. WO99/66370.

In lieu of a statement of relevance or translation of the listed non-English language documents, an English-language abstract of the documents setting forth the relevance is enclosed.

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Respectfully submitted,

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